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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HARAGUCHI ET AL.

Examiner

William H. Wood

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-7,10-13,15-17 and 19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-7,10-13,15-17 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 4-7, 10-13, 15-17 and 19 are pending and have been examined.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 20 June 2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 17 recites the limitation "an embedding unit which embeds said analysis result in said program code to produce a modified intermediate code" (emphasis added) in lines 11-12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

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5. Claims 13 and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 13 recites a product which is not limited to tangible products as evidenced by page 22 of the specification (lines 10-27). Appropriate correction required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1, 4-7, 10-13, 15-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Hayashi** et al. (USPN 5,396,631) in view of **Gillies** et al. (USPN 5,768,595).

Claim 1

Hayashi disclosed a method of facilitating optimization processing in a compiler (*column 1, lines 6-10*), comprising the steps of:

(a) storing, in a language-specific-rule table, one or more assignment rules (*figures 5-6(b); column 8, lines 36-68; and column 9, lines 40-52*) which are specified for one or more programming languages allowing vector representation (*column 1, lines 17-19*);

(b) analyzing a program code which includes one or more instructions, and is described in one of said one or more programming languages, based on said one or more assignment rules, to obtain an analysis result (*figure 2; column 3, line 5 to column 4, line 18*); and

(c) embedding said analysis result in said program code (*column 3, lines 15-24; column 1, lines 25-34*);

wherein in said step (a), said one or more assignment rules are stored in said language-specific-rule table as one or more language-specific-information analyzing functions (*figures 5-6(b); column 8, lines 36-68*), and

said step (b) comprises the substeps of,

(d) reading out, from said language-specific-rule table, at least one or said one or more language-specific-information analyzing functions which is needed for analyzing said program code (*figures 5-6(b); column 8, lines 36-68; and column 6, line 66 to column 7, line 6; figure 3*), and

(e) determining values of or relationships between variables included in said program code, based on said at least one of said one or more language-specific-information analyzing functions read out in said step (d), and producing said analysis result which includes the determined values of or relationships between the variables (*figure 5; listed optimizations*);

wherein said step (b) further comprises the substep of,

(f) said at least one of said one or more language-specific-information analyzing functions read out in said step (d) is registered in a check function table for use in said step (e) (*figures 5-6(b); column 8, lines 36-68; check functions being the optimization functions listed*).

Hayashi did not explicitly state at least two programming languages. **Gillies** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to adapt compilers to multiple languages (column 7, lines 55-62). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the compiler system of **Hayashi** with multiple front ends and thus providing multiple languages in as found in **Gillies'** teaching. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide a compiler for multiple languages and thus increase its usefulness (**Gillies**: column 7, lines 58-62).

Claim 4

Hayashi disclosed a method according to claim 1, wherein the operation in step (b) is performed for each instruction set which is comprised of at least one of said one or more instructions (*figures 2 and 9*), and

in said step (c), said analysis result is embedded in a position preceding said each instruction set in said program code (*figure 5, at least element 22*).

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Claim 5

Hayashi disclosed a method according to claim 1, wherein said program code is a source code (*column 1, line 19; source to the assembler*).

Claim 6

Hayashi disclosed a method according to claim 1, wherein said program code is an intermediate code (*figures 11-15*).

Claims 7 and 13

The limitations of claims 7 and 13 correspond to the limitations of method claim 1 and as such are rejected in the same manner.

Claims 10-12 and 15-16

The limitations of claims 10-12 and 15-16 correspond to the limitations of method claims 4-6 and as such are rejected in the same manner.

Claims 17 and 19

The limitations of claims 17 and 19 correspond to the limitations of method claim 1 and as such are rejected in the same manner. Additionally, **Hayashi** disclosed “syntax analysis ... to produce an intermediate code” (*column 3, lines 15-18*).

Response to Arguments

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8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4-7, 10-13, 15-17 and 19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Correspondence Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Wood whose telephone number is (571)-272-3736. The examiner can normally be reached 9:00am - 5:30pm Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571)-272-3719. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571)273-8300 for regular communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-3900.


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